

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH MONROEVILLE, OHIO

“Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.” (2 Corinthians 3:17)

Important Reminders!

Red Cross Blood drive at TLC, is July 7th. Please log onto www.redcrossblood.org, to schedule your appointment to give blood.

Sewing Group Wednesday
July 5th & July 12th

Christian Ed Mtg Wednesday
July 5th @ 5:00pm

Mystery Trip
July 9th – July 14th

Nexus
July 16th – July 22nd

VBS Decorating
July 28th @ 10am

VBS
July 30th – August 2nd

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Pastor’s Letter

Christian, What Does Growth Look Like?

The apostle Paul wrote about his experience with growth in a Christian community very deliberately:

And so, brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? For when one says, “I belong to Paul,” and another, “I belong to Apollos,” are you not merely human?

What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each. For we are God’s servants, working together; you are God’s field, God’s building. According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building on it. Each builder must choose with care how to build on it.

For no one can lay any foundation other than the one that has been laid; that foundation is Jesus Christ. (1 Corinthians 3:1-10, NRSV)

Pastor Amy planted well, and in good soil, here at TLC, and I am both privileged and humbled to water what was





Council

President – Rob Ludwig
Vice President - Carolyn Adelman
Treasurer - Sharon Heyman
Secretary - Jennifer Miller
Christian Ed – Monica Barman
Youth - Jennifer Miller
Parish Life – Cindy Schuller
Worship/GIFTS Team - Carolyn Adelman
Mission Team – Lorie Pierce
Property Team -Bret Gfell, Dan Smith & Gary Underwood

Staff (volunteer & paid)

Volunteer Coordinator, Office Assistant - Tonia Smith
MYC Director -Jenn Miller & Tonia Smith
Tech Guru - Nate Griffith
Organist - Andrew Morfier
Organist - Julie Roeder
Custodian - Linda Myers
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planted. As with all gardeners, none of us can help but to look excitedly and expectantly out across the soil being tended to watch the young, green shoots grow into stalks and vines which produce fruit and grain 30-, 60- or even 100-fold more than what was planted (Matthew 13:8). And as it is with all gardeners and farmers, we plant and water as guided and instructed, then God causes all the growth to occur that we can only watch until harvest time.

Here at TLC, growth looks like kids getting baptized—four so far this year. Growth looks like our kids getting weaned from spiritual milk and entering into the solid food of confession and forgiveness as they come to the Lord’s table with us for the sacrament of Holy Communion—8 so far this year. Growth looks like high school graduates starting their graduation celebrations at church to give testimony to the activity of God in their lives and how they hope it shapes their futures, unknown as they are. Growth looks like four confirmation students accepting accountability for their baptism into Christ and expressing their hope in where it may lead them. Growth looks like outreach ministry changing for our members as they consider the possibilities of attending churchwide events or holding wider church office positions when emphasis used to be with our ministry partners in Africa, or to explore what a call to ministry might look like should they embrace it after their undergraduate education. Growth looks like steadfast invitation beyond our membership to study the bible, attend midweek services for Advent and Lent and participate in VBS or quilting.

I can only speak for me, but I *really like* good, solid food, and we have an abundant Lord who provides everything we need.

Grace and peace, always,

Pastor Dan

Church Council Minutes: June 14, 2023

Present: Rob Ludwig, Carolyn Adelman, Gary Underwood, Pastor Dan, Jennifer Miller, Dan Smith

Absent: Monica Barman, Cindy Schuller, Bret Gfell, Lorie Pierce

Pastor Dan opened the meeting with praise and blessing for the Lord, stating that we can have an abundance of praise and blessings when we keep the Lord first. Everyone shared and high and a low for the week, and a responsive reading of Psalm 23 was done.

The Treasurer's Report, Investment Report and Minutes from May were reviewed. Carolyn made a motion to accept, Gary seconded the motion, motion carried.

Property and Planning Team: Gary reporting. The toilet in the men's restrooms has been having some issues with flushing. There was a discussion about moving the Altar.

Mission Team: Gary reporting. The mission team of 2023 is back home safely. No new updates on a trip for 2024. The MOCP Facebook page always has updates if anyone is interested in what is going on.

Gifts/Worship Team: Carolyn reporting. Bible Study on the book of John coming soon. Things are going well with the service time change.

Christian Education/Youth: Carolyn reporting. Youth Mystery trip on June 21st. They will be going to Westminster Farms. VBS Meeting on June 21st at 5:15pm. Mystery Trip for the older kids (7th - 12th and adults welcome) will be on July 9-14th. Blessing box is in place!! VBS will be July 30 - August 2. We are going to be planning a Faith Formation meeting to be able to share information with others. Teacher's retreat is set for August 5th.

Parish Life: Jenn reporting. Father's Day Brunch before church on June 18th and will have cake for the Baptism and the First Holy Communion kids on June 25th.

Pastors Report: Nexus is the week of July 16th. Sam Clinker and Pastor Dan will be attending. Monica will be doing the sermon on July 16th. The convocation is August 7th- Aug 12th, Pastor will be gone that week. Would like to request the week of August 14th as vacation. We still need a lay person to attend the convocation to have a vote. Made a couple of visits this past month to members.

New Business: No new business. Next meeting will be August 9th, due to most members being away during the July meeting.

Motion made to adjourn by Carolyn. Seconded by Jennifer. Motion carried. Prayed the Lord's Prayer and said Good Night.

Respectfully Submitted, *Jennifer Miller*, Secretary of Council

Church Council Meeting: June 26, 2023

Present: Cindy Schuller, Sharon Heyman, Rob Ludwig, Bret Gfell, Carolyn Adelman, Gary Underwood, Jennifer Miller, Pastor Dan, Amy Little **Absent:** Monica Barman, Dan Smith, Lorie Pierce

This meeting was called for the discussion of the insurance policy for the Church. Grinnell, the current provider, will be dropping our policy effective July 21st due to no longer covering buildings older than 1950. We have received a proposal from Ohio Mutual. Pastor Dan mentioned that the new proposal while it has good coverage for the building, it does not have coverage for Religious Beliefs. Discussion was had on the importance of having a policy with the coverage. Rob Ludwig is going to make some calls and see about getting a couple more proposals. He will be in contact with everyone via email about the next steps.

Gary Underwood volunteered to be the second person to count the offering. This will help keep us in order with financial policies.

Carolyn made a motion to accept Jeff Little as our delegate for the convocation. TLC would only need to pay for his registration. Cindy seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Motion made to adjourn by Carolyn. Seconded by Jennifer. Motion carried. Prayed the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted, *Jennifer Miller, Secretary of Council*



Sunday School Teacher's Retreat

WHEN: August 5th

WHERE: TBD

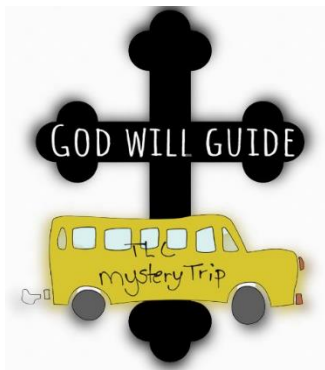
TIME: TBD

Join us to plan the 23/24 Sunday School year

TLC Youth Happenings

June was filled with Baptism, First Holy Communion, Father's Day Brunch, Honoring the Graduates, and even a Mystery Trip for our





WHAT: Mystery Trip
 WHEN: July 9th - July 14th
 WHO: Grades 7th - 12th (and adults)
 WHERE: It's a mystery...??
 COST: \$150/ person



Registration forms are outside the office -
 or scan the QR Code for the online form.



Decorating on July 28th @ 10am

SUPPLIES NEED FOR VBS

- * Brown Craft Paper Rolls
- * Pattern Blankets/Rugs
- * Colorful Pieces of Fabric/Textured Fabrics
- * Terra-cotta Pottery & Urns
- * Plants & Greenery
- * Wheat
- * Lanterns
- * Ex-Up Tents/Canopies
- * Baskets
- * Torches
- * Fake Fruit & Vegetables
- * Flat Brown Bed Sheets

If you have any of the items to donate or let us borrow,
 please bring them to church.

Put your name on the items and we will return them after VBS.

Online Giving Changes:

Our online giving provider has changed to **Servant Keeper** effective July 1st.

All data for reoccurring transactions should have migrated over seamlessly. You will need to log in to the new provider (you can use your Faithlife email) to create an account with the **Servant Keeper** and verify your information is all correct.

Scan the QR Code to access the new online giving site or visit:

<https://giving.servantkeeper.com/tlc-monroeville>



Keep the following in your continued Prayers

Juanita Wingate, Carol, Betty Moltz, Jeff Kimball, Jim Graffice, Sue Graybill, Ila, Michael Spayd, Debbie Moltz, Susan, Ray Smith, Gary Ward, Josh Roeder, LC Wheat, Keith Clinker, Ruth Ludwig, Natalee Newland, Wanda McLaughlin, Peggy Stacey, Thomas Carr, Wendy, Brayden Schuller, Kaleb & Kelsey, Bill Patterson, Tom & Steve Barnhard, Will Chandler, and Judy H.

Please pray for peace in our country and for all who have suffered at the hands of violence or prejudice.

FLOOD BUCKET BUILD EVENT

SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

9am—12pm



**Where: Trinity Lutheran Church
410 N Thoman St
Crestline, OH 44827**

**What: Build 500 flood buckets for
NALC Disaster Response**

9am Brief Worship begins, followed by "building buckets" & loading the truck. A light lunch will be provided.

Why: NALC Disaster Response Needs Help!!!

After 200+ tornadoes struck central & Midwest states in April 2023, our national warehouse in Caldwell, OH is empty!



For more information, please contact Mary Bates at 740-509-1132 or Pastor Diana Seaman at 419-683-3972.

ITEMS TO COLLECT:

- * Five-gallon bucket with lid
- * 1 jug bleach ($\frac{1}{2}$ gallon or smaller)
- * 2 large trash bags (contractor 3mil)
- * 1 roll paper towels
- * 2 rags (can be homemade cut to 10x10)
- * Comet or scouring cleanser
- * Pine Sol or liquid cleanser
- * Scrub Brush
- * Gloves (1 pair each, any size)
 - rubber (reusable, i.e., dishwashing type)
 - leather
 - cotton

This list will make 1 bucket - goal is to make 500 buckets.

Items can be brought to TLC and placed in a box in the fellowship hall.

JULY WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Date	Lector	Greeters/Ushers	Acolyte
July 2	Paula Underwood	Rob & Debbie Ludwig	
July 9	Jeff Reineck	Gary & Paula Underwood	
July 16	Daniel Clinker	Barb Gurney & Jeff Reineck	
July 23	Jeff Reineck		
July 30	Candi Kinn		

Altar Workers for July: Carolyn Adelman & Tonia Smith

JULY COFFEE HOSTS

July 2	Gary & Paula Underwood
July 9	OPEN
July 16	OPEN
July 23	OPEN
July 30	Tom & Darlene White

June Offering

06/04:	\$3102
06/11:	\$1325
06/18:	\$2027
06/25:	\$1718

E-giving for June 2023: \$343.90

We need **\$2410** each week to make our budget. Thank you for continuing to faithfully support the Lord's work. We are behind by **\$764.38** for the year so far. Please remember your gifts when you are away. Our ministry depends on your generosity.

You can give to the Lord's work here at TLC by scanning the QR code or going to:
<https://giving.servantkeeper.com/tlc-monroeville>

